Heavy Electrical Equipment Plant, Hardwar	BHE Karamchari Sangh Workers Trade Union Karmachari Parishad Association Union	BMS HE INTUC BHEL -BHBL Workers ATTUC CFF Workers INTUC
R&D Hyderabad	BHEL R&D Employees Union	INTUC
Electronics Division Bangalore	BHEL Employees Association	—
Electroporcelains Div., Bangalore	BHEL EPD Employees Association	—
Transformer plant Jhansi	BHEL Employees Union	INTUC
Insulator plant, Jagdishpur	BHEL Karmachari Sangh	INTUC
Delhi based Divisions	BHEL Employees Association	INTUC
Power Sector	All India BHEL Power Employees Union PPD Karmachari Union.	INTUC

NOTE: **The Unions which secured 10% votes in elections for representation on the Apex Level bipartite forum Joint Committee.

Joining of Paris Convention on Intellectual Property Rights

2893. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news report published in the Indian Express of July 25, 1988 captioned India and Paris Convention' to the effect that Government may succumb to pressure in j«ning Paris Convention on Intellectual Property Rights;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously considering the question of joining the Paris Convention;

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(d) what are the provisions of Paris Convention which are against the Indian Patent Act, 1970?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM): (a) to (d) Government has seen the newspaper article referred to.

The proponents for joining the Paris Convention argue that it will enhance the confidence of the foreign investor and create a favourable climate for the flow[1] of technology to the host country. They also point out that the Convention provides sufficient flexibility to the host country to follaow its national objectives and priorities in its own industrial property laws.

The main arguments advanced against joining the Convention are that it is weighted heavily in favour of protecting the patent holders of the developed market economy countries, that it will lead to monopolistic importation of patented articles and that it will impede the self-reliant technological and industrial development of the host developing countries.

Government has not taken any decision In this matter.